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Officers of the Association:

J. C. GILLENTINE, Abney, Miss, - Moderator.
STEVE H. TURNER, Mantachie, Miss., - Clerk.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Evergreen, Miss., - - Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Elder J. C. Gillentine, P., Abney, Miss.
" W. J. Thomas, W. C., Abney, Miss.
" J. J. Turner, P., Mantachie, Miss.
" W. H. Moore, P., Richmondlee, Miss.
" J. J. Moore, P., Richmondlee, Miss.
" J. M. Goolsby, P., Nettleton, Miss.
" S. P. Harris, P., Plantersville, Miss.
" W. C. Hunter, P., Nettleton, Miss.
" J. A. McCully, P., Guntown, Miss.

EXPLANATION.—"P." means Pastor; "W. C." without a charge at the present time.

MINUTES.

The Forty-First Session of the Judson Baptist Association, convened with the Richmond Church, September 7th, 1893.

Elder J. J. Moore preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: Matthew, 20th chapter and latter clause of the 6th verse, after which a recess of one hour was taken for refreshments.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 2:30 p. m. by singing "Amazing Grace;" prayer by Elder J. A. McCully.

The Moderator appointed Bro. J. S. Carothers and Elder W. F. Davis reading clerks. After the letters from fifteen churches were read, the body went into an election for permanent organization, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, J. C. Gillentine; Clerk, A. C. McVay; treasurer, J. M. Armstrong.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Arrangement—J. A. Williams, S. P. Harris and Henry Gregory.

On Devotion—J. G. Caufman, J. D. Coggins and J. M. Beacham, with the deacons of Richmond church.

On Missions—W. H. Moore. L. B. Goudy and L. B. Duvall.

Committee on Arrangements reported that the same order of business as last year be continued. The same was adopted.

The Committee on Devotion reported that Elder J. J. Turner preach to night, and Elder W. F. Davis tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, all visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

On motion, Elder W. F. Davis and Bro. J. S. Carothers were seated as visitors from the Aberdeen Association.

The Association then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 8 o'clock.

The Moderator read 12th chapter of Romans; prayer by A. J. Doty.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Obituaries—J. G. Caufman, E. E. Estes and A. L. Brown.

On Finance—J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams and A. J. Doty.

On Ministerial Education—E. N. Miller, L. B. Goudy and Perry Roper

On Temperance—Steve H. Turner, B. Lesley and J. C. Early.

On State of Religion—J. A. McCully, J. M. Birmingham and J. B. Merchant.

On Baptist Institutions—S. P. Harris, T. A. Marshall and B. F. Gregory.

On Literature—J. J. Moore, J. A. Williams and W. H. Leigh.

On Documents—P. J. Mattox, Henry Gregory and J. W. Morgan.

On Music—A. C. McVay, A. J. Hill and J. H. Christian.

On Resolutions—W. C. Hunter, R. L. Birmingham and Z. Springer.

The following correspondents were appointed, viz:

To West Judson—J. J. Turner, J. A. McCully and J. M. Birmingham; J. B. Merchant, J. M. Johnson and J. C. Gillentine.

To Tishomingo—A. J. Doty.

To Tombigby—J. M. Armstrong, J. J. Moore, J. J. Turner and J. C. Gillentine.

To Aberdeen—D. M. Brown and J. D. Coggins.

To State Convention—J. C. Gillentine and J. J. Moore.

S. P. Harris was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with J. C. Gillentine as alternate.

R. S. Thomas, J. J. Moore, W. A. Duvall E. N. Miller and Steve H. Turner were elected as the Sunday School Board.

Mount Vernon was selected as the place for the next Association, Elder J. C. Gillentine to preach the next annual sermon, W. C. Hunter, alternate.

At 10:30 o'clock, adjourned for preaching.

During recess, Elder W. F. Davis preached a soul stirring sermon to a large and attentive congregation from the following text: 2d Corinthians, 8th chapter and 9th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock by singing; prayer by Elder S. P. Harris.

The Clerk being absent from some unknown cause, and unable to serve us, the Association proceeded to elect a new Clerk, to-wit: Steve H. Turner.

Report on Missions read, and after some discussion, adopted. (See A).

Report on Ministerial Education read, and after discussion, adopted. (B).

Report on Sabbath Schools read, and after many favorable remarks, adopted. (C).

Devotional Committee reported that Elder W. C. Hunter preach to-night, and Elder S. P. Harris to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Report on state of religion read. The Association then adjourned till to-morrow at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association came together at 9 o'clock by singing. The Moderator read 23d Psalm; prayer by J. A. Williams. Minutes of first and second days read and adopted.

The report on state of religion still being under consideration, after some discussion, adopted. (See D).

By motion, the Association went into an election of the Executive Board. Result: J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams, W. M. Parker, Steve H. Turner and E. N. Miller.

By motion, dispense with preaching at 11 o'clock today.

Committee on Obituaries being absent, it was passed for the present.

Report on Literature read, and after some remarks, adopted. (E).

Report on Documents read and adopted. (F).

By motion, adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. J. Turner.

Report on Baptist Institutions read, and after discussion, adopted. (G).

Report on Music read and after discussion, adopted

Report on Finance read and adopted. (I).

Report of Executive Committee read and adopted. (J).

Report on Temperance read, after discussion, adopted. (K).

Treasurer's Report read and adopted. (L).

The Sunday School Board made the following report, which was adopted. (M).

By motion, allow our Clerk $5 out of the Minutes fund for his services.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Association tender its heartfelt thanks to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of this body. S. P. HARRIS, Chairman.

Minutes of this day read and adopted.

The Association after taking the parting hand, adjourned to meet on Thursday before the second Lord's day in September, 1894, at 11 o'clock a. m., with Mount Vernon Church.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious meetings of Judson Association. ELDER J. C. GILLENTINE, Moderator.

STEVE H. TURNER, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A—MISSIONS.

The King of Zion hast said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." God has designed that His gospel should be preached to all nations and carried to the uttermost parts of the earth. "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." Brethren, the Lord has of late years opened up a number of fields to the preaching of the Gospel, which once was barred against it. Now let us be thankful to God for his goodness and enter into those fields, with more missionaries sufficiently supported, that they may preach the Gospel without delay or hindrance. But let us not forget to be faithful in preaching the Word of life in our own land and country. Let us pray to God to continue His blessings of the Gospel among us, that we drift not back into heathenism and death as other nation have done who were once enlightened.

Submitted, W. H. MOORE, Chairman.

B—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee, report as follows: God has given man a number of faculties, and He holds man accountable for the improvement of these faculties. A minister is not excused. We believe that it is the duty of all men to get a literary education, that it is more incumbent on the ministry than on the laity. Without this equipment the minister is not so well prepared to fathom the depths of Holy Writ. We live in an advanced age of invention and literature, and infidels frequently advance science to disprove the teachings of Christ, and the more familar the minister is with the various text books, the more able is he to refute

the arguments of such. We wish it known that we would not discourage our faithful old soldiers of the cross who have not been so fortunate as to receive an education, for we reverance them, and admire them for their zeal and faithfulness. We are glad to note a spirit of education that is growing day by day. In conclusion, we will say, help with your means, as the Lord has prepared you, to educate the young ministers.

Fraternally submitted, E. N. MILLER, Chairman.

C—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, report as follows:

BRETHREN: We have no remembrance of the time when there was such an interest in regard to Sunday Schools in the Judson Association, as there has been during the past Associational year, and the interest is still growing rapidly. When we reflect that during the years previous to this. So far as we remember, only about one-third of the churches of the Judson Association had a Sabbath School, and those very poorly attended and kept up, and that now we have a Sabbath School in all the churches except about three, we believe, and the most poorly attended of these are attended better than the best of those in days gone by. We are enabled to appreciate the great work being done in our Association now. Again, this great Sabbath School agitation thank God, is not confined to the Judson Association but the christianized world is being agitated along this line. We recommend that every minister do his utmost to work up a good Sabbath School interest in all his churches.

There is nothing that will build up his churches so much as a good Sabbath School in each. The church in this day and time that has not a good Sabbath School in it, is certainly not alive to its interest.

Again, we recommend that all the delegates in attendance here, when they meet with their respective churches, do all they can to increase the Sabbath School interest in their churches.

Brethren, let us not think that we have done our duty when we have attended the Sabbath School. Let us work zealously to bring the church members and the worldings under its influence, that they may be benefited thereby. Now, while the Sabbath School interest has increased so rapidly during the past year, there is still more room for improvement along this line, from the fact that many of our church members are not members of the Sabbath School.

Brethren, let us work in our Sabbath School until all the members of the church together with the worldier shall become

come members, and not members in name, but members indeed. Let us work the interest up to such a point that a student cannot feel right and stay away. Furthermore, when we reflect that the Sabbath School students are the chief class of givers, we should endeavor to bring in the rising generation in order that we may foster a missionary spirit.

In conclusion, we recommend that our peple heartily endorse and co operate with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. May God speed the day when both minister and laymen will be fully alive along these lines to their duty, and every church in the land have a flourishing Sabbath School.

We heartily endorse the idea of having our Sabbath Schools in the State fostered by a Sunday School Missionary or Evangelist, with colporteur work, and also recommend Associational Institutes, as frequently as possible, in order that the people may be more fully agitated on the subject of Sabbath Schools and the interest more fully kept up. Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRIS, Chairman.

D—STATE OF RELIGION.

We find from the letters that the state of religion is better than it has been for some time. It seems that the Lord has wonderfully revived his work in this Associational year.. Brethren, let us pray that the good Lord will still revive his work amongst his people. We pray that our churches may all have glorious revivals during our next Associational year. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McCULLY, Chairman.

E—LITERATURE.

We beg to report as follows: We believe that the Bible should be the first of all books. We believe that all people should study it above all books. We further recommend that our people read Baptist literature, such as our State papers, Sunday School publication, and the Home and Foreign Fields.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MOORE, Chairman.

F—DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee, find that the Union of the First District meets on the third Lord's day in August, 1894; Elder J. A. McCully to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. J. Turner, alternate.

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Subjects, and persons to write on the same:

1st. "Origin, history, workings and possibilty of Union meetings."—Elder J. J. Turner.

2d. "Is the plan of salvation conditional?"—J. W. Morris.

3d. "When was the church of Christ set up?"—John L. Bayley.

4th. "An exigesis on the Parable of the Ten Virgins."—Elder J. A. McCully.

5th. "Were the Twelve Apostles Baptized? If so, by whom?"—E. N. Miller and Steve H. Turner.

We also find that the Union of the Second District meets with Center Hill Church on Thursday before the first Lord's day in August, 1894, Elder J. C. Gillentine to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. J. Thomas, alternate.

Subjects, and persons to write on the same:

1st. "How much and what part of the New Testament is the Gospel?"—Elder W. H. Moore.

2d. "What are the causes of the declination of the Baptist people in the support of the gospel and missions?"—Elder J. J. Moore.

3d. "In the great plan of Salvation. which comes first, Conviction, Conversion or Regeneration?"—Elder W. J. Thomas.

4th. "Was the Atonement completed on the cross? If not, when was it?"—Elder J. C. Gillentine.

5th. "If a person could live a perfect life after he reached the years of accountability, would he be saved?"—Elder S. P. Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. MATTOX, Chairman.

G—BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS.

We, your committee, make the following report:

There are many excellent schools and colleges under the control of Baptists in this State. We recommend all of them, but will mention only two of them by name, viz: Mississippi College and Blue Mountain Female College. We cheerfully recommend Mississippi College for young men who are studying for the ministry. We think Mississippi College is our stronghold in regard to ministerial education, and we should as a Baptist denomination, cherish it for what it has done in the past, and what it is destined to to do in the future.

Furthermore, it is our school, and we should look on in that sense, and give our means to its support, because our success in this State is largely due to its influence.

Brethren, aid the College by sending your boys to it, and by getting every other boy to attend that you can. We are confident that there is no school in the State that will give a young man such a moral training as Mississippi College, because he is surrounded by such a good moral influence, having about forty-five young ministers to associate with all the time.

We recommend Blue Mountain Female College for young ladies. Here as in Mississippi College, the students are surrounded by a strong religious influence, and the heart as well as the mind is educated, We are proud of all our institutions of learning in the State, and believe that they are doing a noble work, and we would say to our young men and young ladies, if you cannot attend one of the colleges mentioned, attend some one of the high schools or colleges near you.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRIS, Chairman.

H—MUSIC.

Apart from the preached Word and prayer, there is nothing that redounds more to the glory of God in our public service than music. Good music prepares the minister to preach, and the people to hear. We are commanded in God's word to sing and make melody in our hearts to God. We recommend as congregational music, The Baptist Hymnal, and for Sabbath Schools and church music also, The Class Choir and Congregation. Respectfully submitted,

A. I. HILL, for Committee.

I—FINANCE.

We beg leave to submit the following:

RECEIPTS:

Churches.	Associational.	Foreign.	State.	Southern Baptist Home.	Minutes.
Unity	$	$			$ 50
Bethel					1 20
Boughfale	90	25			2 55
Center Hill	5 51	5 50			1 75
Evergreen					60
Friendship					1 10
Hopewell					25
Fellowship					
Liberty	1 00				40
Mantachie	1 00	1 05			1 00
Macedonie	10	50			60
Mount Vernon					55
Oak Grove	80	1 00			60
Plantersville		2 80		2 75	1 25
Pleasant Hill	75				1 15
Richmond	75				1 00
Shiloh					
Union Hill					25
Oak Hill					55
Total, - -	$ 10 81	$11 10		$ 2 75	$15 30

Grand total, $39.96. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

J—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Received 1893.

Mantachie	$ 2 86	$ 2 84		
Oak Grove	90	25		
Bethel	75	75	75	
Unity	25			
Evergreen	2 05	80		
Richmond		2 00		
Hopewell	1 54	1 53	86	
Public Collection	5 44	5 42		
Total, - -	$ 13 79	$13 59	$ 1 61	

Grand total, $28.99.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

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K—TEMPERANCE.

Temparance being the opposite of intemperance, and intemperance being such a great curse to our people, therefore we believe it is the duty of all God's people to make every effort in their power to encourage the spirit of temperance in our land and country. We further believe that it is a special duty of the members of the church of Christ to see that all her members are temperate in all things.

Brethren, let us pray that the cause of temperance may grow and spread until it covers the whole earth as the water covers the great deep and thereby leave no room for intemperance.

Fraternally submitted,

STEVE H. TURNER, Chairman.

L—TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS:

	Minutes.	Associational.	Foreign.	State.	Southern Baptist Home.
Received Ex. Com. for	$15 30	$13 42	$11 86	$ 1 61	.....
" " " "	....	$ 10 06	11 10	.....	$ 2 75
Balance on hand, $36.00.	$15 30	$ 23 48	$22 96	$ 1 61	2 75

Grand total, $102.10.

Am't paid out Oct. '92	.....	15	$12 22	$3 97	$ 5 05
" " " May 93	.....	15	10 00	1 60	.....
" " " Sept '93.	$15 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, - -	$15 30	30	$22 22	$ 5 57	$ 5 05

Grand total, $48.44. Balance on hand, $53.66.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

M—REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We, your committtee, beg to report:

That there is a decided increase manifested in the Sunday School in your bounds, a school having been organized in each church save one, and the most of them are yet in a flourishing condition.

A Sunday School convention was held on the fifth Sunday in July with Bethel Church, with a fair delegation and a large audience in at-

tendance. The occasion was one of much interest. From the information we have, we think the average attendance of pupils were about 500 this year. We have not yet cultivated much spirit for the mission cause, but look hopefully forward for improvement in this in the near future.

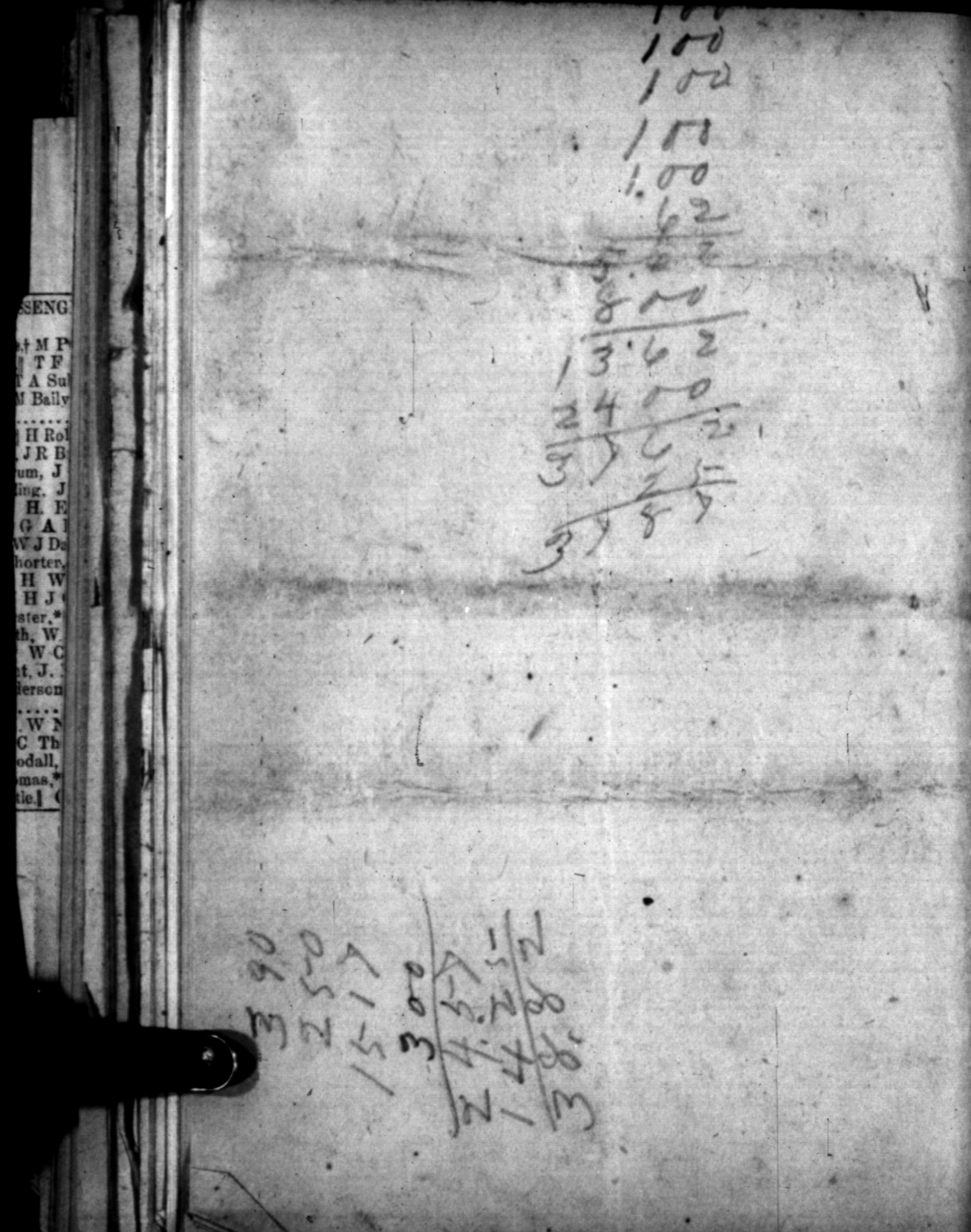
R. S. THOMAS, General Superintendent.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Boughfala—Henry Gregory, E. E. Estes and B. F. Gregory.
Fellowship—.....
Friendship—E. N. Miller, J. A. McCully and T. J. Mullins.
Macedonia—J. D. Wood, J. W. Davenport and J. M. Birmingham.
Mantachie—Tyre Bennett, J. B. Grimes and Steve H. Turner.
Mt. Vernon—J. W. Morgan, Thomas Gentry and B. F. Chilcoat.
Oak Grove—R. A. Grisham, W. H. Leigh and Dave Braden.
Oak Hill—J. J. Leigh, Wm. Seghart, R. A. Webb and J. B. Merchant.
Pleasant Hill—A. J. Doty, J. M. Johnson and J. H. Christian.
Shiloh—..... ...
Unity—S. M. Hesrine, J. S. Stricklane and Perry Raper.
Bethel—L. B. Duvall, W. A. Duvall and J. G. Caufman.
Center Hill—S. P. Harris, R. L. Birmingham and H. E. Partlow.
Evergreen—W. H. Moore, T. A. Marshall and J. M. Beacham.
Hopewell—J. C. Gillentine, W. J. Thomas and T. E. McMaster.
Liberty—D. M. Brown, A. L. Brown and J. C. Early.
Plantersville—R. S. Thomas, J. A. Williams and A. C. McVay.
Richmond—J. J. Moore, P. J. Mattox and Z. Springer.
Union Hill—W. C. Hunter, H. J. Hill and J. D. Coggins.

I have received the following amounts for Minute fund, after the reports were made: Plantersville, 40 cents; Center Hill, 30 cts; Pleasant Hill, 50 cts; Macedonia, 30 cts; Evergreen, 40 cts; Hopewell, $1.05; Mount Vernon, 25 cts; Bethel, 35 cts; Mantachie, 15 cts; Oak Grove, 5 cents.

STEVE H. TURNER, Clerk.

Statistical Table.

Churches.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Total.	Days of Meeting.
Boughfala	W. H. Moore	Mooresville	4	1	..	14	1	..	113	4th
Fellowship	J. A. McCully	Saltillo	....	..	..	3	..	..	63	....
Friendship	S. D. Chatman	Guntown	12	3	..	13	..	..	75	3d
Macedonie	S. W. Price	Tupelo	....	1	..	....	..	..	17	1st
Mantachie	J. J. Moore	Mantachie	17	1	..	3	1	..	66	3d
Mount Vernon	W. H. Corwill	Raburnville	3	1	..	....	1	..	61	1st
Oak Grove	S. D. Chatman	Ratliff	14	..	..	7	1	2	141	2d
Oak Hill	....	Guntown	1	..	..	7	..	..	21	2d
Pleasant Hill	S. D. Chatman	Tupelo	10	2	1	11	2	..	53	4th
Shiloh	J. A. McCully	Kirkville	4	1	..	....	..	..	26	....
Unity	J. J. Turner	Longville	13	3	3	1	1	..	48	3d
Bethel	J. C. Gillentine	Ballardsville	6	1	2	8	1	2	126	2d
Center Hill	S. P. Harris	Plantersville	10	..	..	2	1	1	63	4th
Evergreen	W. H. Moore	Evergreen	....	..	..	6	..	..	26	2d
Hopewell	J. C. Gillentine	Abney	8	1	..	3	..	..	126	4th
Liberty	J. J. Moore	Bigby Fork	....	..	..	....	1	..	57	1st
Plantersville	S. P. Harris	Plantersville	10	3	..	5	..	1	45	2d
Richmond	J. M. Goolsby	Richmondlee	....	..	..	8	..	..	56	3d
Union Hill	W. C. Hunter	Nettleton	4	7	3	9	..	..	48	4th
Total, - -			116	25	9	100	10	6	1231